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SUBJECT: FRG DEFENSE MINISTER'S VISIT TO ANKARA: BRIEFING
OF FRG EMBASSY

1. IN CONNECTION WITH VISIT OF FRG DEFENSE MINISTER GEORGE
LEBER TO ANKARA FEBRUARY 1-3, EUR/SE DIRECTOR EAGLETON
BRIEFED MINISTER-COUNSELOR OF GERMAN EMBASSY SCHAUER ON
CYPRUS DEVELOPMENTS AND STATUS OF US-TURKISH NEGOTIATION OF
NEW DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT.

2. EAGLETON REVIEWED CYPRUS DEVELOPMENTS AS PARTIES MANEU-
VER IN DIRECTION OF OPENING INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS IN VIENNA
FEBRUARY 17 AND EMPHASIZED THAT, WHETHER WE LIKE IT OR NOT,
RESTORATION OF TRADITIONAL US MILITARY SUPPLY RELATIONSHIP
WITH TURKEY IS DEPENDENT ON SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS TOWARD A
CYPRUS SETTLEMENT. SCHAUER AGREED THAT IN VIEW OF GERMANY'S
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CLOSE TIES WITH TURKEY, LEBER WAS IN GOOD POSITION TO RE-

MIND TURKISH OFFICIALS OF THIS FACT.

3. EAGLETON GAVE SCHAUER NON-DETAILED BRIEFING ON STATUS US-TURKISH BASE NEGOTIATIONS, INCLUDING HOPE THAT BASIC ELEMENTS OF AGREEMENT MIGHT BE CONCLUDED DURING FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON FEBRUARY 11-13. HE STRESSED THAT THERE WERE TECHNICAL AND POLITICAL REASONS

WHY THE US SIDE COULD NOT GO BEYOND A CERTAIN POINT EITHER IN LEVEL OF ASSISTANCE OR ON OTHER ASPECTS OF AGREEMENT.

4. EAGLETON TOLD SCHAUER WE WERE NOT SUGGESTING THAT DEFENSE MINISTER LEBER SHOULD DISCUSS ANY SPECIFIC ASPECT OF OUR DEFENSE COOPERATION NEGOTIATIONS WITH TURKISH OFFICIALS. HOWEVER, IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR HIM TO INDICATE GERMAN INTEREST IN A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF NEGOTIATIONS AND TO STRESS VALUE OF INFO FROM US-OPERATED FACILITIES IN TURKEY TO ALL NATO MEMBERS. SCHAUER EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR BRIEFING WHICH HE THOUGHT DEFENSE MINISTER WOULD FIND USEFUL IN HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH TURKISH LEADERS.

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